

Jordan Child Protection Sub-Working Group
Meeting Minutes

Date and time: 20 April 2022/ 11:00-12:30

Location: Online Zoom meeting

Co-Chairs: UNICEF/ UNHCR

Attendance: ARCS, Caritas Jordan, DRC, ILO, IMC, JOHUD, Medair, NCFA, NOVIA, PRM/US Embassy, TDH-Italy, TDHL, UNHCR, UNRWA, UPP

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Live updates for the referral pathway
- Presentation on Child Marriage from Zatari camp
- Initiation of the 2022 work plan
- Update from members
- AOB

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action Point |
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| Introductions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming participants and discussing the agenda. - Arabic sessions involved government agencies and CP SWG will keep this practice. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MoM will be uploaded on UNHCR's data portal: Working Group: [Protection] Child Protection Sub Working Group - Jordan (unhcr.org) |
| Live updates for the referral pathway | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partners were requested to update the referral pathways, an excel sheet was shared showing organizations who submitted inputs and who did not. After collecting inputs from all CP partners, all information will be gathered into a referral pathway by the end of April. - Planning to have a direct referral pathway to ease the progress. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will approach partners who did not update the sheet bilaterally. - Link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1P6Ry59vZ4yhCEUQN-X6H3Q2VQ7bLlx5c/edit?usp=sharing |

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| <p>Presentation on Child Marriage from Zatari camp</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Zatari a child marriage task force was established due to the high number of child marriage cases in the camp comparing to other camps and locations. The timeline for the TF was 9 months, and it involved several organizations working on CP, GBV and women empowerment. The idea is to develop a child marriage strategy in Zatari that is Inter-Agency, Intersectoral, and sustainable. - Conducted a desk review, and all reports focused on Zatari and Jordan. Some of the challenges were related to lack of Inter-Agency strategy or Intersectoral strategy, also there is a limited understanding amongst organizations on Gender. FGDs of 30 groups were conducted and they contained diverse refugees from different districts. FGDs included discussions with refugees who were opposed to child marriage. Meetings with humanitarian government service providers like the legal department, sharia court, doctors, non-protection service advisors, and others, to understand how to have a better impact. - Situational analysis included awareness raising, CP-GBV services and working with sharia court, drivers, consequences like divorce and domestic violence, COVID-19 impacts, and Individuals facilitating child marriage. - Preventive factors: entities to influence child marriage like girls and boys perusing their marriage. Testing recommendations like asking refugees if they have better income. - Strategy: Jordanian law permits child marriage; we will support the advocacy through many levels to advocate for this and work with sharia court and judges. Linking court with Imams who oppose child marriage. - Education: needs to be prioritized as children out of school resort to child marriage, in addition to the need of working closely with education sector. - Intersectoral collaboration between protection, basic needs, and livelihoods will lead to preventing child marriage. Increasing vocational trainings for women to ensure that girls have employable skills. - Awareness: to establish a community activist network to empower refugees to spread awareness. Launch community gender programming. Link protection to SRH and MHPSS WGs. Refugees to be aware of physical and mental health consequences. Child marriage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation will be shared with CP SWG. |

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| | <p>awareness raising campaigns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions and comments: - Q: Why did Syrians say that if they were in Syria child marriage cases would be less? - A: in Syria, they had bigger opportunities in terms of freedom of movement and finding jobs. - Q: what is the expected timeline for the development of the strategy and its implementation? - A: by tomorrow it will be finalized and discussed with CP - GBV subnational WGs and NCFAs who will be onboard. - National committee for early marriages is available. - Judges delay the documentation of child marriage while talking to parents. - Update IBV SOPs and CoC as IBVs are not allowed to have child marriage during their contracts. | |
| <p>Initiation of the 2022 work plan</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work Plan for 2022 was presented. Will start having monthly themes again to achieve results and solve issues. - The theme for next month will be child marriage, where there will be different experiences sharing. - For Q1: updating TORs, gap analysis, referral pathways and other topics like protection strategies. - Many projects can be added to show CP services and projects that are done on cyber bullying and education. - Align more to national priorities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will share the Work Plan with members. |
| <p>Update from members</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caritas Jordan: PSS activities for Syrian refugees, informal education programs, PSS activities in child friendly centers, art, music and drama for children, cash for students in public schools in Mafrqa and Irbid and PSS trainings to promote social skills. - IMC: will have a campaign in May on wellbeing and child bullying, in Amman, Zarqa and other locations. - War Child: participated in adding information on the referral pathways, project funded by OCHA got an extension until October, child protection services focusing on case management. CPIMS, joined the task force and received the recommendations to receive trainings from JRF and MoSD. Committee to work on child labor international day in June. - Medair: will start 2 new cycles for case management and cash assistance. Will share the referral email in case any organization needs the support. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact: ccm-referral@medair.org - 0790655468 Maysa Alfaris. - In May will have assessment for persons with disabilities including children with disabilities who need assistant devices. - JRF: upcoming case management training and the invitation will be shared soon. PSS services in different locations. - IFH/NHF: projects funded by ILO working in flower farms in Balqa, Madaba and Irbid, working with agriculture sector, and providing activities like awareness sessions for the community to approach children working in this sector and raising awareness for their education. Preparing to have different activities for the child labor international day. - DRC: work on CP prevention work. Art therapy and PSS for children, gender programs for adolescence boys and girls. Cash assistant available for general case management approach. Waiting for approvals for other projects. - JOHUD: received approval to access CPIMS TF. - TDH-L: resuming CP and GBV case management, MHPSS support group life skills Mafraq, Karak and Irbid. Monitoring and coaching for case management methodology. - UNHCR: will be doing CP interventions with different organizations. An update with NCFA for refugees' situation report considering many new things and to see the effect of COVID-19 in different sectors. Hoping to finish the report this year. - UNICEF: participating in child labor TF event with Ruwad Al Kheir. Focusing on early marriage workplan. Sexual harassment issue at the camp level and will present a work plan so that more partners will participate. Referral pathways in still ongoing. | |
| <p>AOB</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestion of having face to face meeting but need to check the polices and defense order. | |